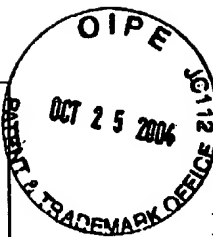


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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION (37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.116)

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the final Office Action dated June 24, 2004, for which a response was due on September 24, 2004. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a one month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to October 24, 2004. As October 24, 2004 is a Sunday, this Action is believed to be timely filed on the next business day, Monday, October 25, 2004. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

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